

DISPOSITION OF USELESS PAPERS, CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION.

JANUARY 17, 1921.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOORES of Indiana, from the Joint Select Committee on Disposition of Useless Executive Papers, submitted the following

REPORT.

The joint select committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives, to which were referred the reports of the heads of departments, bureaus, etc., in respect to the accumulation therein of old and useless files of papers which are not needed or useful in the transaction of the current business therein, respectively, and have no permanent value or historical interest, with accompanying statements of the condition and character of such papers, respectfully report to the Senate and House of Representatives, pursuant to an act entitled "An act to authorize and provide for the disposition of useless papers in the executive departments," approved February 16, 1889, as follows:

Your committee have met and, by a subcommittee appointed by your committee, carefully and fully examined the said reports so referred to your committee and the statements of the condition and the character of such files and papers therein described, and we find and report that the files and papers described in the report of the United States Civil Service Commission and its district secretaries, Sixty-sixth Congress, third session, dated December 21, 1920, are not needed in the transaction of the current business of such departments and bureaus and have no permanent value or historical interest.

We recommend that, as required by law, the United States Civil Service Commission sell as waste paper or otherwise dispose of such files and papers upon the best obtainable terms after due publication of notice inviting proposals therefor, and receive and pay the proceeds thereof into the Treasury of the United States, and make report thereof to Congress.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives.

MERRILL MOORES,

Member on the part of the House.

T. J. WALSH,

JOS. I. FRANCE,

Members on the part of the Senate.

JANUARY 7, 1921.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Washington, D. C., December 21, 1920.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: The commission has the honor to transmit herewith schedules in duplicate of useless papers in the files of the commission in Washington, D. C., and in the office of the secretary of the third civil service district, Philadelphia, Pa., which are not needed in the transaction of public business, and are of no permanent value or historical interest, and respectfully requests that appropriate action be taken to grant permission for the destruction of the papers described, under the provision of the act of February 16, 1899, as extended and amended by section 1, chapter 189 of the act of March 2, 1895.

The commission has referred these papers to the Librarian of Congress, in accordance with the Executive order of March 16, 1912, and he has reported that none of these papers appears to have any historical value. In view of the congested condition of the commission's files in its office in Washington, it is respectfully requested that early action be taken to grant permission for the destruction of the papers indicated.

A similar letter has been addressed to the Vice President.

By direction of the commission:

Very respectfully,

MARTIN A. MORRISON,
President.

Schedule of papers to be disposed of in the office of the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., and the office of the third civil service district, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Office of the commission, Washington, D. C.:

(a) Two hundred and ten thousand (more or less) sets of examination papers of persons examined prior to June 30, 1918, and who were not eligible or who have not been selected for appointment.

(b) Files of correspondence of an ephemeral character dated prior to January 1, 1916.

(c) Replies to confidential inquiries concerning applicants for examinations dated prior to July 1, 1919.

(d) Press copy books (250, more or less), containing copies of letters dated prior to July 1, 1904.

2. Office of the secretary of the third civil service district:

Twenty-three thousand (more or less) sets of examination papers of persons examined prior to April 1, 1917, who were not eligible, or who have not been selected for appointment.

